

Monroe County Judicial Center Project Development Board held its regular meeting on January 14, 2009. The meeting was called to order by County Judge/Executive Wilbur Graves with the following members present: Jeff Proffitt, Joyce Emberton, Tony High, Charlotte McPherson, Judge Steve Hurt and Danny Rhoades with AOC. Others present were Tommy Gumm and Jim DeCesare with Alliance and Bing Ewen, Will May and Megan Campbell Smith with DLZ and Michael George with RSA.

Motion was made by Tony High, seconded by Charlotte McPherson to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on December 10, 2008 and the executive committee meeting held by telephone on December 12, 2008.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Michael George with RSA presented a graph showing the bond market comparison of the time periods including June, 2008, October 2008, November 2008 and as of January 13, 2009. Rates have dropped back to where they were last June and seem to be more stable.

Bing Ewen with DLZ gave a report on detailing of the Phase B presentation. The structural system will be of conventional steel and concrete instead of what was originally discussed. They have already met with AOC to discuss design issues. Tony High stated that if the board needed to make decisions concerning any items at the regularly scheduled meeting of the board that he felt the board should be given enough lead time to study the various options to choose from in order to be ready to make these decisions at a regularly scheduled meeting and to not be presented with options at the meeting and be expected to decide either immediately or at a later meeting in order to move on as quickly as possible. Judge Hurt agreed with Mr. High's concerns and stated due to budget cuts anything could happen. He also said when the board needs to address an issue, the information should be sent as soon as possible, a decision made, and then move on.

Phase B has to be turned in by February 4, 2009 to AOC. This has to be approved before going any further. The project is over budget due to the additional footage for basement, but should not be a problem since the topography of the building site favors either a lot of fill or the locating of a basement in the structure.

Tommy Gum with Alliance noted bidding would be in April and the bidding may be better due to new bidders, lots of competition, and the need for work. Jim DeCesare is working on a press release and will e-mail tomorrow to see if any changes are needed.

Danny Rhoades with AOC said everything is going according to schedule; the building cannot be occupied until July, 2010.

Motion was made by Tony High, seconded by Jeff Proffitt to adjourn.

All voted yea. Motion carried.